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ARAB STATES: Jordan's King Husayn has expressed the sole official condemnation from the Arab world of the terrorists' acts in Munich.

While other Arab leaders remained silent, Husayn in harsh terms denounced the killing of the Israeli hostages as the work of "sick minds" and expressed condolences to the families of the victims. Most other Arab commentary, both from official sources and the media, avoided outright condemnation of the guerrilla tactics and some Egyptian and Iraqi editorials praised the "heroism" of the Black September Organization.

An official Egyptian spokesman, after disclaiming any involvement with the commando attack, placed the onus for the loss of life on the West German Government and asserted that German officials had badly handled the situation. The Egyptians have reacted with considerable sensitivity to West German charges that Cairo did not fully respond to Bonn's appeals for cooperation during the Munich incident. The Egyptian Government has summoned the German ambassador for clarification of Bonn's position and announced it would take "a firm decision" following the consultations.

A dominant theme in Arab reaction is the insistence on placing the deaths of Israelis at the Olympic Games in the context of Israel's "criminal" occupation of the Palestinian homeland. The Lebanese Government's statement, while expressing "deep regret," interpreted the tragedy as an outgrowth of the Palestinians' despair and their wish to prod the international community to redress their grievances.

The grim outcome of the Munich events severely shocked Saudi leaders who privately deplored the killings and allowed scant coverage in the local media of news deemed repellent to Saudi sensibilities. Meanwhile, Libyan "citizens," in a presumably officially inspired gesture of support for the fedayeen, have offered to transport the bodies of the slain guerrillas to Libya for burial. [REDACTED]